

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

January 2, 2004

IN RE:

**APPLICATION OF TRI-STATE TEL-CO
FOR AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE COCOT
SERVICES IN TENNESSEE**

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**DOCKET NO.
03-00608**

**ORDER GRANTING AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE CUSTOMER OWNED
COIN OR COINLESS OPERATED TELEPHONE SERVICE**

This matter came before Chairman Deborah Taylor Tate, Director Pat Miller and Director Sara Kyle of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "TRA" or "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on December 8, 2003, for consideration of the Application of Tri-State Tel-Co to be an operator of Customer Owned Coin or Coinless Operated Telephone ("COCOT") service in the State of Tennessee.


Based upon careful consideration of the application and of the entire record of this matter, the voting panel finds and concludes that the applicant has met all the requirements of Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1220-4-2-.43 through 1220-4-2-.45 to provide COCOT service in Tennessee.

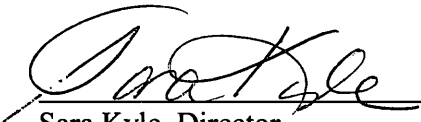
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Tri-State Tel-Co is authorized to provide COCOT service within the State of Tennessee and is required to post the Company ID Number 36523 on the display card for each COCOT.

2. This Order shall remain in effect until further order of this Authority.
3. This Order shall be retained as proof of certification with this Authority and may be used to obtain the appropriately tariffed access line from Authority authorized telecommunications service providers.


Deborah Taylor Tate, Chairman


Pat Miller, Director


Sara Kyle, Director